

# Indiana State Board of Education



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## MINUTES

### INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 5, 2004  
Department of Education  
James Whitcomb Riley Conference Room  
151 West Ohio Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana

#### **I. Call to Order**

The business meeting of the Indiana State Board of Education was called to order at 9:05 a.m. Board members Dr. Suellen Reed, Connie J. Blacketter, Daniel Tanoos, Sandra Kirts Cantrell, Susan Brace, Darvin Stilwell, Robert Lazard, Robert Kovach, and J. Gordon Pendleton were present. Board members Dr. David Dickson and Randle Pollard were not present.

#### **II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Dr. Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **III. Approval of the Minutes**

Mr. Tanoos moved for approval of the minutes as corrected. Mr. Stilwell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **IV. Statement of the Chair**

Dr. Reed discussed a report soon to be released by Achieve, *Ready or Not*, that deals with preparation for students in high school and whatever their path may be after high school. Indiana's standards and reading list are mentioned in the report, and a press release will be issued soon. Dr. Reed also discussed calls received from school principals praising the Division of School Assessment for their prompt and efficient manner in relaying ISTEP+ test information to schools.

#### **V. Board member Comments**

**VI. Consent Agenda Items**

- A. Jeffery P. Zaring, State Board of Education Administrator, presented a request to add two additional items to the agenda: (1) Initiate a rule-making process to add new agricultural science course titles; (2) Initiate a rule-making process to revise the course title descriptions; (3) Support for a joint letter from the education organizations dealing with the No Child Left Behind Act; and (4) Mathematic requirements currently being considered by the Education Roundtable.

It was the consensus of the board to add these items to the February agenda.

- b. Mr. Zaring presented the final orders in Cause Number 0311018 and Cause Number 0309012. No objections have been filed to the recommended order of the Board's Hearing Officers. [Agenda item VI, A]
- c. Mr. Zaring presented a request for amendment to the contract establishing the Four County Area Vocational Cooperative to admit the Westview School Corporation. [Agenda item VI, E]
- d. Mr. Zaring presented a request for amendment pursuant to IC 2-4-10.1 of the Governing Body Selection Plan for the Board of School Trustees, Edinburgh Community School Corporation. [Agenda item VI, F]

Mr. Pendleton moved for approval of the consent agenda items. Mrs. Cantrell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**VII. Adjudications/Hearings**

- B. Mr. Zaring presented LSA Document #03-150, which amends the high school graduation requirements to provide that students who enter high school after June 30, 2004, must complete either Algebra I or Integrated Mathematics I. A public hearing previously was conducted on this proposed rule. The newspaper notice was defective, necessitating a new hearing.

No testimony was presented.

Mrs. Brace moved for approval of LSA Document #03-150 and the fiscal impact statement. Mr. Lazard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Mary Mickelson, Director, Division of School Accreditation, presented a Freeway School Petition from Faith Christian School in Lafayette, Indiana.

Robert Laffew, Administrator, Faith Christian School and Steve Viars, Pastor, provided information on Faith Christian School.

Ms. Blackketter moved for approval of the Freeway School Petition from Faith

Christian School. Mr. Tanoos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Ms. Mickelson presented a Freeway School Petition from Horizon Christian School in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Frank Onorio, Administrator, provided information on Horizon Christian School.

Mrs. Cantrell moved for approval of the Freeway School Petition from Horizon Christian School. Mr. Lazard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- E. The investigation report and recommended order in Cause Number 0310013, the Matter of the Amendment of the Governing Body Selection Plan for the Board of School Trustees, MSD of Mount Vernon, will be scheduled for oral argument on March 4.

#### **VIII. Public Comments**

Public comments were presented by Dr. Chuck Little and Dr. Lowell Rose seeking support for a letter from the education organizations dealing with the No Child Left Behind Act.

Mr. Tanoos made a motion to add the name of the State Board of Education to the statement of concurrence in the joint letter. Mr. Stilwell seconded the motion. The motion failed to pass, with four ayes, two noes and two abstentions.

After further discussion, Mr. Stilwell made a motion to address this matter during the February 12, 2004, scheduled teleconference call. Mr. Lazard seconded the motion. The motion passed with six ayes and two noes (Ms. Blacketter and Mr. Tanoos).

#### **IX. Center for Community Relations and Special Populations**

- A. Robert Marra, Associate Superintendent, presented a request for approval of the December 1, 2003, students with disabilities child count.

Mr. Kovach moved for approval. Mr. Lazard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **X. Center for School Improvement and Performance**

- A. Mr. Zaring presented a request for approval to initiate a rule-making process to add three (3) new agricultural science course titles to the list of approved course titles.

Mr. Stilwell moved for approval. Mr. Kovach seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Mr. Zaring presented a request for approval to initiate a rule-making process to revise the list of approved science courses, to add Advance Placement course titles in all curriculum areas, and also to standardize course titles across the various subjects areas.

Mrs. Cantrell moved for approval. Mr. Lazard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**XI. Center for Community Relations and Special Populations**

**XII. Board Operations**

Mr. Zaring stated he will draft a letter of concern from the State Board members be sent to the Education Roundtable regarding the proposed mathematics requirements for the Core 40 and Academic Honors Diploma.

Kevin McDowell, General Counsel, discussed the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) study group on High School Athletics meeting that he attended in January.

Ms. Cantrell reported on the NASBE Governmental Affairs Committee meeting.

Mr. Lazard mentioned nominations for NASBE area directors and awards. Mr. Lazard also discussed the NASBE Board of Directors meeting that he attended in January.

Mr. Zaring updated the Board on HB 1226, which would change the Superintendent of Public Instruction position from an elected to an appointed office. The bill appears to be dead.

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Mr. Pendleton moved for adjournment. Mr. Tanoos seconded the motion. The business meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.